BOOK 6

CRACK FOOTBALLERS OF THE LAST GREAT VICTORIAN PLAYERS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

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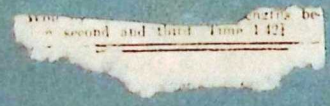

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FOOTBALL SECTION
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Jack Graham (Sth. Melb.), jumps like a Jack-in-the-box to mark the ball ahead of "Phonse" Kyne (Collingwood). An incident in Saturday's match.

ACTION LAST SATURDAY on the Footscray forward line. Left: Buttsworth (Essendon full-back), half hidden by Page (Footscray) and Plummer (Essendon), takes a mark in the goal mouth. Right: Another duel between Plummer (left) and Thoms (Footscray).

B. Henderson

K. Kelly

O'Keefe Gives An Exhibition

Spectacular leap by O'Keefe (Melbourne) when he found Richmond defender, Kevin O'Neill, in his path after the last-named had gon to the ground in a desperate attempt to clear the Tigers' goal. An incident in the game at the M.C.G.

George Bennett, Footscray full back, played a lone hand against Melbourne attackers Harry Ball (bare arms) and Norman Smith. In background is Percy Beames, the Melbourne rover. An incident in Melbourne-Footscray game at Melbourne.

LS such as that shown above, are always appreciated by the crowds. h (Geelong) and Smeaton (Richmond, right) fly high for a mark in the Geelong forward area at Richmond.

Dyer, North Melbourne rover, is shown breaking away from Hoppen and Riordon, St. Kilda defenders. An incident at St. Kilda.

W. Ryan, Footscray defender, flies high to spoil the mark of Harry Ball, Melbourne forward. Norman Smith, Melbourne full forward, is crowded in the front. An incident in the Melbourne-Footscray game.

McNaughton (Prahran) and Rowe (Camberwell) flew high after the ball but missed on Saturday in the match in which Camberwell sustained its first defeat for this season. Nash (Camberwell, No. 1) and Newton (Prahran) are below.

ASSOSIATION FOOTBALL.

CHEER UP, OLD SON! - DON'T LET THE WAR GET YOU DOWN
IT'S NOT THE WAR — IT'S COLLINGWOOD!
CARLTON SUPPORTER
DES FOTHERGILL, WHO PUT THE BLUES INTO THE BLUES
WE SHOWED THOSE DASHED BULLDOGS, WHAT!!
RATHER!
HAVE YOU SEEN ST. KILDA'S LOVELY YELLOW GOAL-POSTS?
MELBOURNE WALLOPED FOOTSCRAY, BUT THEY HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON — FOOTSCRAY HAS ITS TANNERIES AND MELBOURNE HAS ITS DIGGERS
THIS MIGHT HAPPEN IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL
NISBET

BILL LUFF made a welcome re- appearance on the 'Dons' half-back line.

"PHONSE" KYNE, who is d good work as Collingwood ca in the absence of Jack Reg

DYER (left), North Melbourne's rover, in collision with Cliff, St. Kilda back pocket footballer, in Saturday's match won by St. Kilda.

DICK HILL, West Perth captain.

George Doig, Captain and Coach Eat Fremantle.

BLUES BREAK THROUGH

Carlton's forwards break through a strong St. Kilda defence. Mann (Carlton) falls as he shoots for goal but the ball eludes the fingers of Lloyd (St. Kilda). Behind Mann (C.), Baxter and Savage, almost hidden, back up while two St. Kilda backs join Lloyd in defence.

The wind spoiled the efforts of these Melbourne and Collingwood players to mark the ball. The incident occurred in the Melbourne defence lines. The players are named in the picture.

GEO. DOIG WHO PLAYED GOOD FOOTBALL IN W.A. LAST YEAR

Prahran's Champion Goalkicker Thrown Aside

HAWKINS, Prahran's champion goalkicker, whose six goals on Saturday helped to inflict Camberwell's first defeat of this season, being thrown aside by a Camberwell back when he attempted to score.

Long Kicks, And Men Who Kicked Them

LONG KICKS AUSTRALIAN BALL

Place.—86 yds. 1 ft., D. McNamara (St. Kilda), at Launceston, 1913.
84 yds. 2 ft. 5 ins., D. McNamara (St. Kilda), at St. Kilda, 3/4/1910.
79 yds. 1 ft. 11 ins., Bill Paulman, at Stanford (U.S.A.) University, April, 1938.
Drop.—74 yds. 2 ft. 2 ins., R. Green (Sturt, S.A.), 2/7/1938.
74 yds., H. Nudd (Carlton), at Carlton, 1877.
73 yds., L. Kew Ming, at Echuca, 20/9/1928.
Punt.—74 yds., L. Kew Ming, at Echuca, 20/9/28.
73 yds. 0 ft. 10 ins., R. Elliot (Nth. Adelaide), 2/7/1938.

LONG KICKS AMERICAN BALL

Place.—75 yds., Bill Paulman (Stanford University (U.S.A.), 1938.
Drop (over a 10 ft. cross bar).—63 yds., M. Payne (Wesleyan Dakota), 1915.
Punt.—91 yds., Ray Percheval (U.S.A.).

Results of Australian Football Carnivals

1908, played at Melbourne, "A" section, Victoria; "B" section, Tasmania.
1911, played at Adelaide—South Australia.
1914, played at Sydney—Victoria.
1921, played at Perth—Western Australia.
1924, played at Hobart—Victoria.
1927, played at Melbourne—Victoria.
1930, played at Adelaide—Victoria.
1933, played at Sydney—Victoria.
1937, played at Perth—Victoria.

Victoria has won 51 of 71 games (including Carnival) played against South Australia, 19 of 21 against New South Wales, 16 of 21 against Western Australia, all games (7) against Tasmania, all games (2) against Queensland, and the only game played against New Zealand. They have not lost at Melbourne since 1926.

League Postponements

May 7, 1910, the full round of matches was postponed because of the death of King Edward VII.

October 13, 1923, the Grand Final between Fitzroy and Essendon was postponed through rain.

July 4, 19[illegible], the full round of matches was postponed through rain.

August 26, 1939, the full round of matches was postponed through rain.

Record Attendances

1934.—Record aggregate of 128,000 for a first day of the season.
1934.—Record aggregate of 1,696,100 for first round.
1938.—Record aggregate of 290,703 for a final round.
1939.—Record for a preliminary final, 66,848.
1938.—Record for a grand final, 96,834.
1921, July 2.—Carlton v. Collingwood, record of 52,000, for home-and-home matches.
1927.—Western Australia v. Victoria, at M.C.G., 40,454, record attendance for interstate match.
1939.—Record for Association attendance and receipts—48,238. Receipts, £3121/18/11, at M.C.G.

WHELAN TAKES A MARK

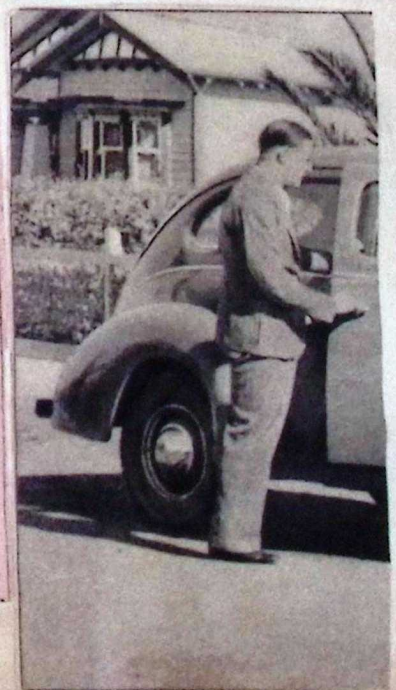
MARCUS WHELAN, Collingwood's star centre man, won Victoria's highest football award last year—the Brownlow Medal.

CHAMPION MAGPIE.

Got Kick Despite Dual Opposition

Ventom (St. Kilda) gets his kick despite strong resistance from Crapp (Richmond), who holds him firmly round the waist as he puts his foot to the ball. Richmond captain Percy Bentley, makes a last-minute effort to intercept his kick.

AMROSE PALMER (RIGHT) WHO HAS MADE A COMEBACK FOR ("BULLDOGS") FOOTSCRAY



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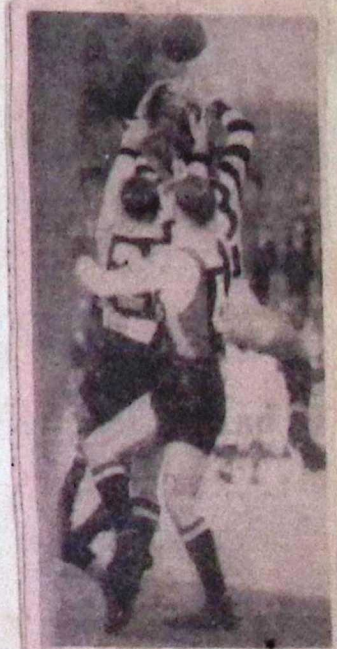

UNWIN (Collingwood) preparing to mark in the teeth of goal, with St. Kilda defenders, CLIFF (left) and WILLIAMSON out-manoeuvred during a "Magpie thrust.

Rucks Fly For The Hit Out

RUCKS IN ACTION after a throw-in from the boundary at St. Kilda on Saturday. The three men in the air are Williamson (St. K.), Kyne and Unwin, of Collingwood. Cliff (St. K.) is at the left.

A struggle for possession near Fitzroy's goal, with Footscray forwards, Murphy (left) and Page, effectively smothered by the opposing backs, Hillard (front) and F. Hughson.

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Above — Dick Reynolds, Essendon and Victorian captain 1939, winner of three Brownlow Medals.

Left — Marcus Whelan (Collingwood centre), winner of the Brownlow Medal, 1939.

Farmer Breaks Record For Goalkicking

KEN FARMER kicked 23 goals for North Adelaide against Torrens at Prospect on Saturday, and thereby established an Australian record. The goals increased his tally to 1301 —two goals more than the record previously held by Gordon Coventry, famous Victorian forward.

FARMER'S accuracy was outstanding, as he got his goals from 31 scoring shots—23 goals 8 behinds. His Saturday's score also equalled the South Australian record held by Alf. ("Bos") Daly, Norwood forward, for any senior match. Daly got his 23 goals in a match against West Adelaide at Kennington Oval in 1896, before the establishment of the League in South Australia.

FIGHT FOR SOUVENIR

When Farmer kicked his 17th goal and beat his previous best performance for a match, a spectator raced round the mound, picked up the ball and ran off with it, to the amazement of the thousands of onlookers. Another man intercepted the souvenir-hunter and a fight followed.

Meanwhile play was held up. Another ball was brought out, and soon after play had recommenced the old ball was retrieved by a trainer. He handed it to North Adelaide officials, who will have it mounted and presented to Farmer.

Farmer has scored 93 goals this season. It would not surprise if he were to beat his previous best tally for a season, as he has nearly two months in which to get the 42 goals required to take his total past his 1936 record of 134.

Ken Farmer is almost a certainty to reach his century for the 11th successive season. His record in League matches is:—1929, 62; 1930, 105; 191, 26; 1932, 102; 1933, 112; 1934, 106; 935, 128; 1936, 134; 1937, 108; 1938, 12; 1939, 113; 1940 (to date), 93—a grand total of 1301 goals.

Ken Farmer

In The Uniform Of Australia

Three League footballers now in camp at Geelong — Sgt. Len Thomas (captain-coach of North); "Tich" Edwards (Fitzroy rover), and below, Corporal Jack Bissett (former South captain).

Three to one in Essendon's favor: Hull (Richmond) outnumbered on the Tigers' forward line as he goes for a mark with Caesar, Green and Wilson, of Essendon.

Vontom (St. Kilda) gets his kick despite strong resistance from Crane (Richmond), who holds him firmly round the waist as he puts his foot to the ball. Richmond captain, Percy Bentley, makes a last-minute effort to intercept his kick.

Mueller (Melbourne) gets set for an easy mark with H. Glennister (Geelong), who has been caught off balance, offering little resistance. An incident in the game at the M.C.G.

Shining Lights Among the Forwards

George Hawkins, Prahran, broke an all-Australian goal-kicking record with 164 in a season last year.

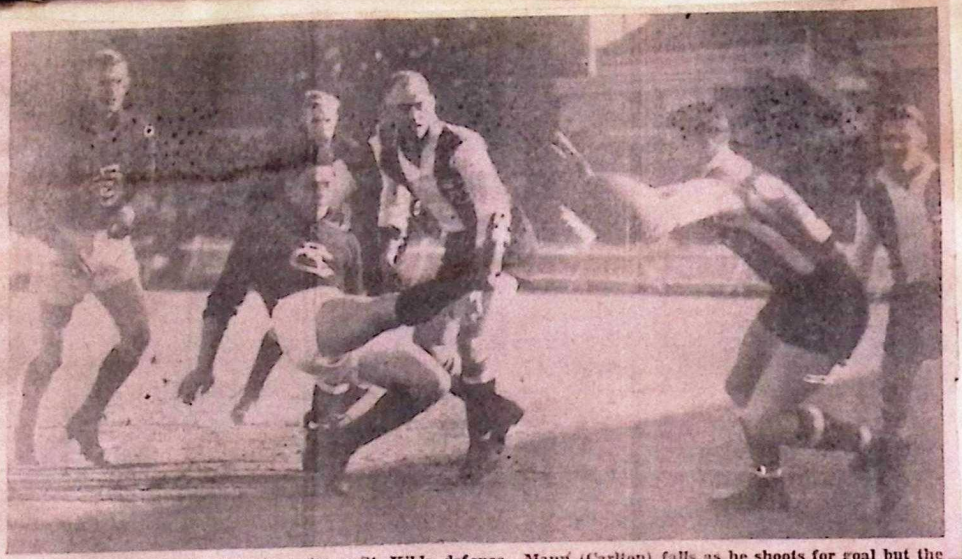
Gordon Coventry, another Collingwood crack forward, is shown taking a typical mark despite the spoiling efforts of Kinnear (Melb.). Gordon played 18 seasons and kicked 1299 goals.

Bob Pratt, now at Coburg, was South Melbourne's chief forward attraction. He holds a League record of 150 goals in a season. He kicked 678 goals for South.

"Dick" Lee, the daddy of them all, headed the League goal-kicking list on nine occasions and was equal with C. Rankin (Geelong) on another. He set the standard for forward play. His story is told on the opposite page.

Ron Todd, now a Williamstown star, is shown in the Collingwood colors. He kicked 327 goals for Collingwood in five seasons.

An incident in the Collingwood-Richmond game at Victoria Park on Saturday, in which Richmond defeated Collingwood. Hull (Richmond) has missed the ball and C. Campbell (C'wood) dashes in to pick it up. Scott (R'mond) is on the right.



Carlton's forwards break through a strong St. Kilda defence. Mann (Carlton) falls as he shoots for goal but the ball eludes the fingers of Lloyd (St. Kilda). Behind Mann (C.), Baxter and Savage, almost hidden, back up while two St. Kilda backs join Lloyd in defence.

Fischer (Melbourne), sandwiched between an opponent and a club-mate, nevertheless makes the best attempt and looks like securing the mark. The Geelong man on the left is hoping for the pick-up if he drops it.

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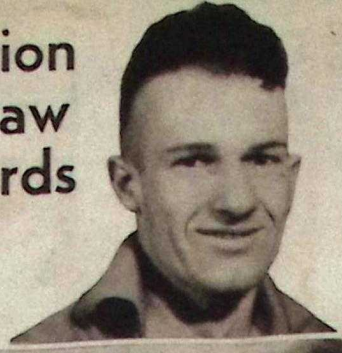
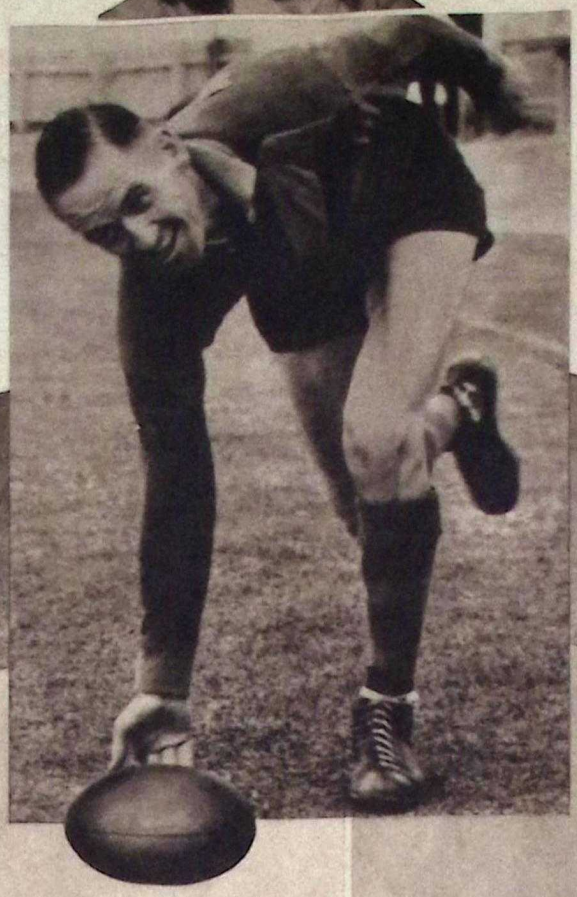
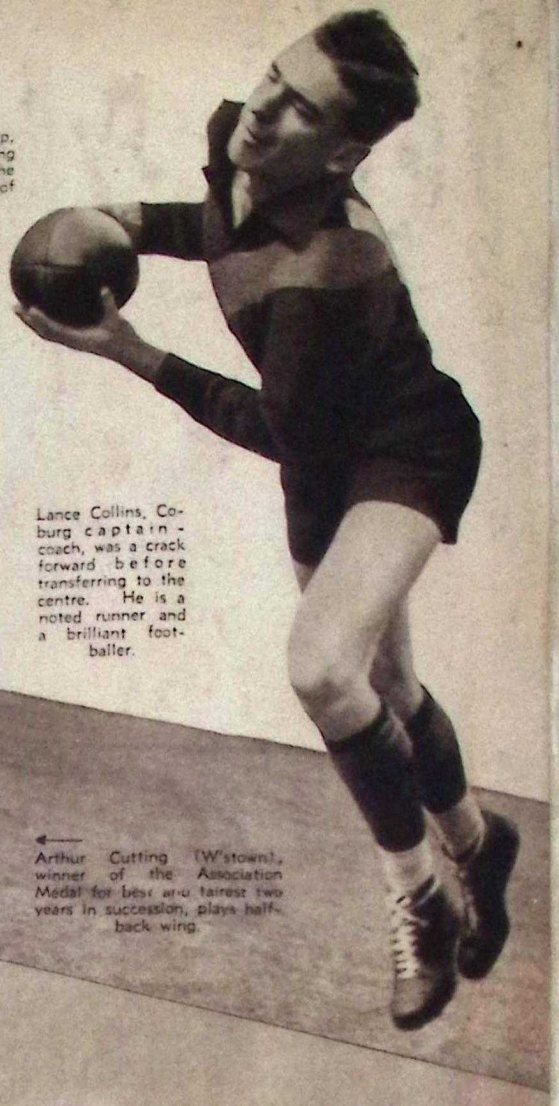
Association Draw Cards

Rupe Frey plays an active part in the Sandringham attack from a forward pocket.



← Keith Kemp, Brighton wing man, one of the younger school of players.





Lance Collins, Coburg captain-coach, was a crack forward before transferring to the centre. He is a noted runner and a brilliant footballer.

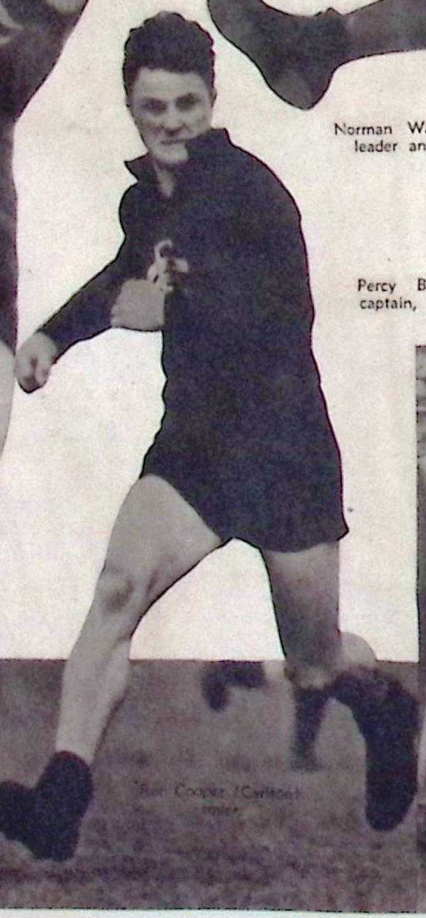
← Arthur Cutting (W'stown), winner of the Association Medal for best and fairest two years in succession, plays half-back wing.

Laurie Nash, Camberwell captain-coach, is Australia's finest all round footballer. His transfer from South Melbourne to Camberwell at the start of the 1938 season caused a sensation. He is a natural key position player.

Jim Dowling, Brunswick's clever rover, is one of the Peter Pans of football. He is a brilliant player who never wastes a kick.

Syd Dyer, North Melbourne crack rover.

Jim Anderson, North Melbourne pocket back. →



Norman Ware, Footscray's leader and ruck man.

Percy Bentley, Richmond captain, and Jack Titus, forward. ↓

← Jack Mueller, Melbourne's utility big man, takes a characteristic mark, over Percy Bentley, Tiger captain.

The Lees of Collingwood

Father and Son made Magpie History

IN the glamor of football, the part played by the head trainer and his staff is often forgotten. Nobody stops to cheer the men who are seen on the ground only when a player falls injured, or during the intervals. But they play a big part in the fitness of the team nevertheless.

Behind the success of the Collingwood Football Club, playing his part quietly, is a man whom everybody knows as "Wal." For 49 years Wal Lee has been head trainer of Collingwood, and before that he was head trainer of the Britannia, who were disbanded to form the Collingwood Club. He has never missed an annual meeting for 50 years, and was present at the foundation meeting of the Collingwood Club, held in the Grace Darling Hotel in 1891.

Now in his 77th year, Wal Lee leaves home at 6.30 every Sunday morning, walks to the Collingwood ground, and has the hot baths and the facilities for treating injured players ready for the first arrival somewhere about 10 o'clock.

In fact, every morning, winter and summer, he journeys to Victoria Park, the Collingwood headquarters, and sees to various little matters in the training room. It is his pride that the Collingwood room is always spick and span.

But you cannot discuss Wal Lee without making reference to his son, "W.H." who is better known in the football world as "Dick." "Dick" goes down in football history as probably the greatest forward the Australian game has produced.

With his father head trainer of the club, it was only natural that young Dick was always playing around the football ground shooting at goals, listening to what footballers said, every moment of his waking life and absorbing the atmosphere of football.

In Johnson Street, Collingwood, was a paddock called the Old Police Court yard. On this paddock the kids of Collingwood gathered to kick a football, pick up sides, and play the game. Lee was among them.

At first he played in a little club called St. Joseph, but his prowess was soon talked about. When he was 15 he was invited to play in a benefit match for the Lady Talbot Milk Fund between the old rivals, Richmond and Collingwood, on the Collingwood ground.

He thus made his first appearance as a forward in the Collingwood colors.

In the following year, he trained with Collingwood at the start of the season, but they thought him a trifle young and he went to play with the Rose of Northcote, who played on the Croxton Park, outside Jack Randall's hotel.

Came a day when Collingwood were two men short for a match at East Melbourne. Word was sent to Lee and he attended to fill one of the vacancies. However, when he arrived at the ground the places had been filled, so he missed his opportunity.

By telephone Rose of Northcote were asked to keep a place in their team for him. They played the first quarter without him. In the remaining three quarters Lee kicked seven goals, and this performance, considered sensational in his day, sent scouts from Footscray and Richmond post haste after him.

Collingwood had to do something about holding their colt, so played him in 13 matches that year and he got 36 goals.

From then Lee was a regular member of the side. Some might argue that another Collingwood player in Gordon Coventry was a better forward than Lee. Either way it is a decision between two champions and certainly Dick Lee set the high standard to which Gordon Coventry lived.

When the history of the Collingwood club is written, a prominent place must be given to the association of the Lees, Wal and his son Dick, with the club.

"Dick" first played with Collingwood in 1906 and retired as captain in 1922.

The Lees in action.—Top: Wal Lee, busy as a bee, around the Collingwood training room, where he is head trainer. Lower: "Dick" Lee taking a typically spectacular mark against Carlton. He is shown poised in the air. When he landed, after taking the mark, he broke the bootlaces of his right boot, wrenching the boot off his foot. He kicked the goal with his boot off. In the picture are "Doc" Seddon (C'wood) and Paddy O'Brien (Carlton).

Results of Matches in League Games

	Won.	Lost.	Tied.	Pl'y'd
Carlton	481	289	14	784
Collingwood .	553	241	9	803
Essendon . . .	386	341	10	737
Fitzroy	393	362	15	770
Footscray . . .	100	167	3	270
Geelong	385	353	8	746
Hawthorn . .	56	211	2	269
Melbourne . . .	319	382	9	710
North Melb. .	51	216	2	269
Richmond . . .	317	258	6	581
South Melb. .	407	341	8	746
St. Kilda . . .	246	463	4	713
University . . .	27	97	2	126

Protests in League Matches

Protests have been lodged in six matches played by League clubs; four have been dismissed. The matches are:
1897 South Melbourne v. Essendon.
1900 St. Kilda v. Melbourne.
1911 Melbourne v. Geelong.
1921 St. Kilda v. Melbourne.
1931 Essendon v. Melbourne.
1931 Hawthorn v. Footscraay.

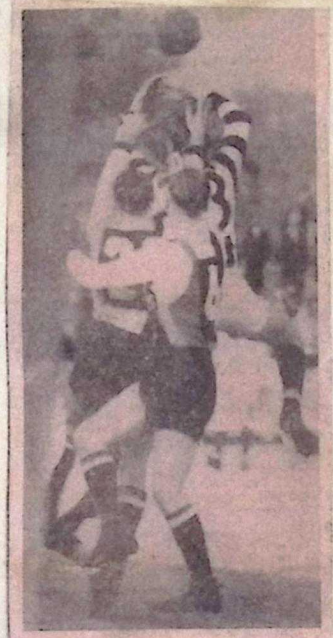
Albie Pannam (Collingwood) fighting it out with Dan Guinnane (Richmond).

Jack Kelly, St. Kilda, interstate wing man.

"Phonse" Kyne, Collingwood follower and forward.

← Jack Graham, South Melbourne follower, marks over team-mate Alex Mitchell.

← Wally Lock, Melbourne full back.



UNWIN (Collingwood) preparing to mark in the teeth of goal, with St. Kilda defenders, CLIFF (left) and WILLIAMSON out-manoeuvred during a Magpie thrust.

White, Northcote full-forward, falling back on his opponent, Fletcher (Port Melbourne), after misjudging what appears to be an easy mark.

Bill Mohr (St. Kilda) battling against Reg Hickey (Geelong) supported by Ansell Clarke (St. Kilda).

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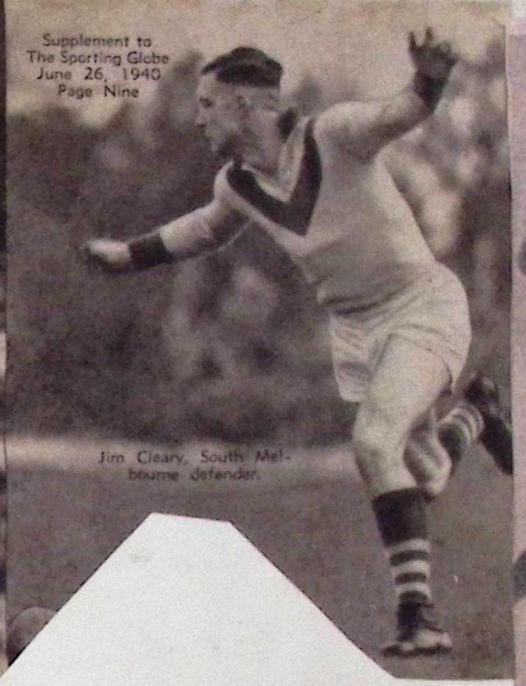


Jim Cleary, South Melbourne defender.

...yer (R'mond) and Williams (C'wood) striving for supremacy in a high marking duel on the Collingwood back line in the game at Victoria Park.

Association Ground Dimensions

Means of access and position of goal posts and sizes of Association grounds are:—

BRIGHTON. — Elsternwick Park. Train to Elsternwick. Tram from Flinders Street Station. Posts—North-west and south-east. 172 yds. x 172 yds.

BRUNSWICK. — Brunswick Park, Victoria Street, Brunswick. Tram from Elizabeth Street and William Street. Train to Brunswick. Posts—East and west. 186¾ x 145.

CAMBERWELL. — Burwood and Bowen Street electric trams from Princes Bridge. Posts—North and south. 170 x 130.

COBURG.—Tram from Elizabeth Street. Train to Coburg. Posts—North and south. 185 x 165.

NORTHCOTE. — Northcote Park. Train to Westgarth Station. Clifton Hill and Northcote Tram from Bourke Street. Posts—East and west, 177 x 133.

OAKLEIGH. — Recreation Reserve. Train to Oakleigh railway station. Posts—East and west. 177 x 140.

PORT MELBOURNE. — Port Melbourne Cricket Ground. Train to North Port Station. 'Bus from Market Street. Posts—East and west, 180 x 147.

PRAHRAN. — Prahran Cricket Ground (Toorak Park). Train to Toorak Station. Camberwell tram from Swanston Street. Posts—North-east and south-west. 170 x 140.

PRESTON.—Train to Preston station. East Preston electric tram from Collins Street. Posts—North and south. 183 x 121 (to be widened).

SANDRINGHAM. — Oval. Train to Hampton railway station. Posts—North and South. 175 x 133.

WILLIAMSTOWN. — Williamstown Cricket Ground. Train to Williamstown station. Posts—North-east and south-west. 195 x 150.

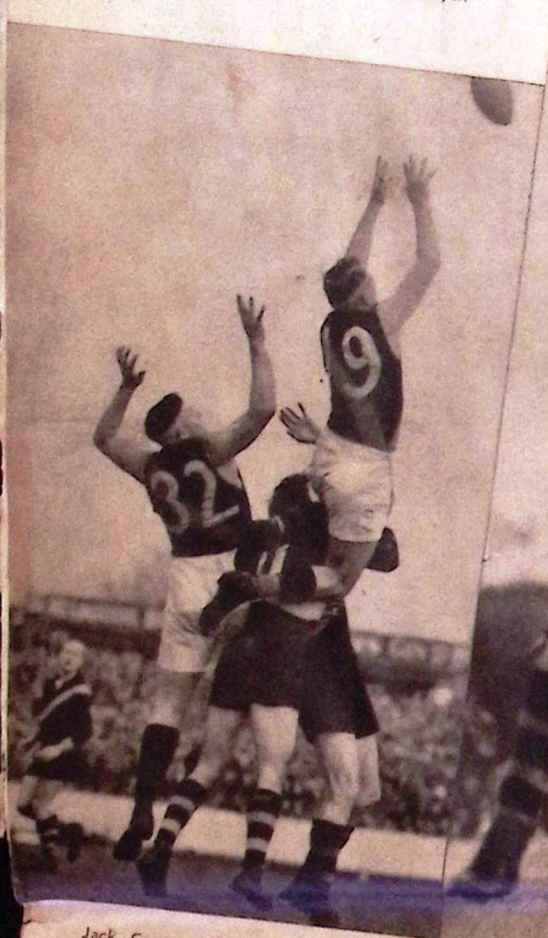
YARRAVILLE.—Yarraville Cricket Ground. Train to Yarraville station. Posts—[illegible] x 120

Norman Smith (Melbourne) forward.

Spectacular High Marks

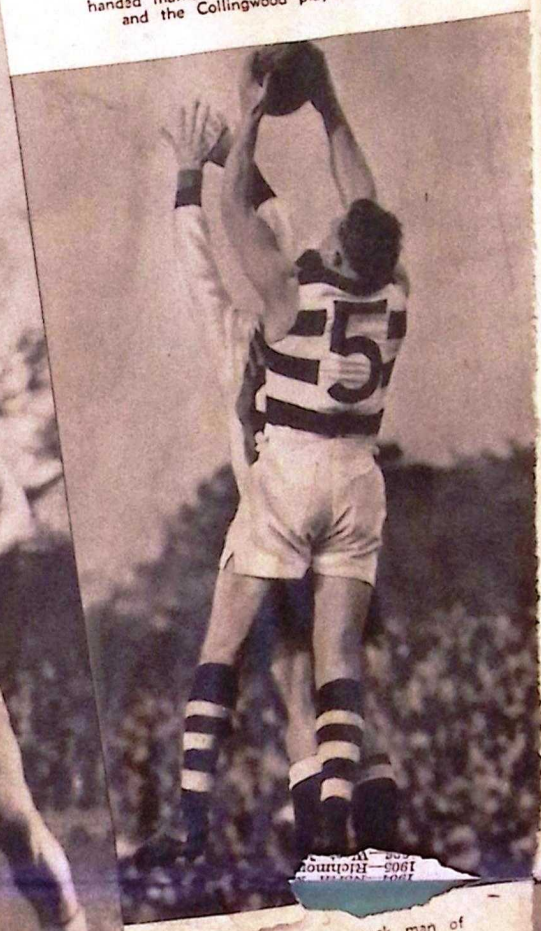
Jim Park (Carlton) taking an amazing mark in a game against Melbourne. "Tarzan" Glass, now of Williamstown, is the Melbourne player.

Ron Todd, whose recent transfer from Collingwood to Williamstown caused a football sensation, is an amazing mark. He is literally suspended in the air while he juggles a one-handed mark. The Geelong player is Gneil and the Collingwood player Pannam.



Jack Cassin (Essendon) is shown flying for a spectacular mark over his team mate, L. Webster, and Crane and Belger, Richmond defenders.

A picture that has been given world publicity. Bob Pratt (formerly South Melbourne, now Coburg) is poised on the backs of two Richmond opponents. The Richmond player facing the camera is Martin Bolger.



Jack Evans (Geelong ruck man of 1937) takes a straight mark over a St. Kilda opponent.